

## BOOK REVIEWS

—there has really been no change during the past ten years. The figures as obtained from the V.D. clinics are full of fallacies. In the reviewer's own clinic it would appear that the incidence of syphilis in the area has gone up tremendously, whereas the explanation simply is that the new clinic is providing a better service than before for the patients. Where syphilis is apparently declining the explanation may be that some slackness has crept in and patients are not coming for treatment in so great numbers. It would seem that, apart from the introduction of some measure of compulsion, every effort must be made by attractive clinics, an all day and every day service, and rapid methods of cure, to induce patients to attend at the earliest possible moment and to continue their attendance till cure is completed.

Dr. Pusey is certainly to be congratulated in having gathered together a most valuable store of information, and in having set it out in so charming a manner, within the small compass of this little book. It is a book which should be upon the bookshelves not only of every venereologist, but of every lay person who takes an interest in matters of social hygiene. The publishers have done not merely a thoroughly good job, but also a highly artistic one.

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### VENEREAL DISEASE : ITS PREVENTION, SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT.

By H. Wansey Bayly, M.C. Fifth Edition. London : Chapman & Hall Ltd., 1934. Pp. 260. 77 Figures. 10s. 6d. net.

THE fact that Mr. Wansey Bayly's book, "Venereal Disease : Its Prevention, Symptoms and Treatment," has reached a fifth edition is evidence of its popularity. The author has taken the opportunity to add some details of pathology and the more up-to-date methods of treatment, especially with regard to the use of malaria in tabes and general paralysis ; whilst a new section is that on "The Law and Venereal Disease," a most desirable addition.

"Prevention" occupies a prominent place. Whether the opinions expressed are sound or not is a matter for the individual reader to decide, but the place does not seem a suitable one for propaganda purposes on behalf of the S.P.V.D.

The teaching is, on the whole, in conformity with modern English ideas, though the author is inclined to be dogmatic on matters where there is a considerable diversity of opinion among experts.

The book is extremely well produced, the illustrations and diagrams are, for the most part, excellent, whilst the coloured plates are a joy to the eye.

Unfortunately, there are numerous errors and omissions, whilst the literary standard does not befit the contents of the volume. Liberal use of the blue pencil might convert this little book into one suitable for the student and practitioner ; it is not meant for the expert.

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